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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Bill Woodruff and Ed Braswell on Laos

1. In response to his request I met with Bill Woodruff today and provided him with information concerning CIA personnel in Laos. I told him that we have [REDACTED] people in Laos -- of whom [REDACTED] are engaged in the paramilitary program; the others are involved in intelligence collection programs, principally in Vientiane. I told him that [REDACTED] because of the nature of their work) [REDACTED] were in the Military Services immediately prior to their present assignments in Laos and that most of these had previous tours of duty in Thailand or Vietnam or had received training in the U.S. prior to being assigned in Laos. If we eliminated these people, there remained [REDACTED] who left the Military Service, and then came to work [REDACTED] in Laos.

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2. I briefed both Woodruff and Braswell on the situation in Laos, including the background of Agency involvement and the present order of battle. I also provided both of them with the breakdown of the cost of our paramilitary program in Laos for FY 1970. Both of these staff members were most interested in this information and Braswell said that Senator Stennis had indicated earlier in the day that he would probably be contacting us for a briefing on what we were doing in Laos in the near future.

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